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The Ballad of Josephus Brown.

It was a nice young stranger man,
Had just arrived in town,
Of age, high unto thirty;
His name, Josephus Brown.
His garb was neat in fashion,
His hair was dressed precise;
He wore a lustrous diamond,
And chain of massive size.
A light switch cane he flourished,
With cold and ivory tipped,
Played skillful games of euche;
Port was the wine he sipp'd.

Not long had this man tarried,
Before the word was rife,
That he was rich as Croesus,
And looking for a wife.
Then straight each foolish mother,
Unto her daughter spake;
Arise, and quick bestir thyself;
Thy prettiest toilet make!

A chance like this is seldom seen,
In these times in our town;
A handsome beau and rich withal;
A princely dowry down!

'Twas Mr. Brown, how are you sir?
From smiling pa's and ma's,
And old time beaux were jealous,
When they divined the cause.
At all the balls and parties,
This stranger did excel;
In winning arts and manners,
None played their part so well.

He danced so like a Frenchman;
His bows so graceful all;
What woe that the darlings,
In love with him should fall!

Their heads were so bewilder'd,
They dream'd of naught beside
A life within a palace;
A home of wealth and pride.

But ah! sometimes alluring
Are hopes but to beguile,
And pictures change and vanish,
That cheer'd the heart erewhile.
One day behold! this gay gallant,
Had left for parts unknown,
With some three hundred dollars
Of money not his own!

And now, these love torn maidens,
Bewailed them every one,
As did their foolish pa's and ma's,
What they so late had done.

But they were ever after,
The wiser that they'd known
The man of style and fashion;
The gay Josephus Brown!

And when young men of merit,
Tho' plain, seek favor's smile,
They do not turn with proud disdain,
To welcome fops the while.

MORAL.
If folks would come to honor,
The honest toilers more,
Than gilded dross, 'twere better
For all the world I'm sure.

Collingwood, Va. HOMESUN.

Pompeii.
I thought I knew, says a writer, almost how
Pompeii looked, yet could not understand how
a city could be so covered up as to be entirely
forgotten, and no description I ever read could
give me a satisfactory idea. It was a small
city on a plain, near the foot of Mount Vesuvius;
now, where they have dug away the covering,
it has the appearance of lying in a valley
between two hills, when, in reality, the hills
are of the same material as that which once
covered the whole city, the valley being formed
by removing the ashes to get at the ruins.

The more they excavate the larger will be
the valley, as more than two-thirds of the city still
lies under the hills, the grass growing over
as green as it once was over Pompeii entire.
No wonder it was forgotten, hidden under a
hill, with good pasture land on top. The work
of excavation is still going on. We started for
Pompeii early in the morning. A guide oc-
cupied us to explain the ruins and watch us
from hands from which the water came. The pipe
is still fastened in the ground. Stores, with
marble counters, are standing, some with holes
in them for jars of wine or oil. Bake shops,
with mills for grinding corn and ovens for bak-
ing, are to be seen. In them were found
loaves of bread which might, without irrever-
ence, be marked "B. C." A few stars are
left standing to upper rooms. In some of
the rooms were found bodies, that are now in
the museum. The position of each denoted
that they died in great agony.

Some are lying with their faces upon their
arms, as if to shield them from that fire of
burning ashes; others are clasped in each other's
arms in an embrace that knew no parting
even in death. On the finger of one woman is
a ring, when on another is a necklace with the
name "Julie di Diomedes" engraved upon it.
The streets are narrow, the sidewalks high,
paved with large irregular shaped stones, said
to be the lava. On the corners are stepping-
stones to cross from one side of the street to
the other. The houses were gayly painted and
freecore. The painting on the inside is still to be
seen, and plainer than some of the work of the
old masters. In one house (to which no woman is
allowed to enter) are paintings few would care
to look at, and none have the hardihood to de-
scribe. They show well the character of the
house. Many believe that Pompeii's destruc-
tion was a just retribution. Perhaps so; but I
can't see why Naples was spared.

No sight in Europe has been so interesting
to us as Pompeii; everything is just as it was
1,800 years ago. The ruins of Rome and many
of the old buildings show its former greatness
and many of the customs of the people. But
many of them have been altered, and some-
times it is difficult to tell the old from the new.
More than one building we have gazed at and
admired as ancient; then, when we saw the
ruins by degrees that this part was modern,
that the roof was new, and those columns were
placed there three hundred years ago, and so
on till it was difficult to find anything but the
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